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From: saderigne@aol.com
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2009 3:26 PM
To: Marx, Joshua A NWK
Subject: Re: Pollution from the BNSF Intermodal

I am a resident of Gardner, Kansas, since 2003. I voted against the BNSF Intermodal because of the huge increase in truck traffic through downtown Gardner on Hwy 56 and also because of the pollution in the air that we breathe caused by the diesel engines running constantly at the Intermodal.

My stepfather died in 2006 from COPD and other lung complications. He worked for the Rock Island Railroad and the Southern Pacific Railroad for 35 years as a refrigeration mechanic and general maintenance mechanic on the railroad cars. These cars, running on diesel, NEVER shut down. They pollute the air constantly and it ranges for miles.

I want to express my deep concern for the welfare of the residents of Gardner, Edgerton, Baldwin City, Spring Hill, Olathe, and even downtown Kansas City if the wind is in the right direction. Breathing these fumes from the railroad cars and trucks running on diesel is a known cause of lung cancer, COPD, asthma, and other breathing complications.

This situation should be fully explored before allowing this type of situation to develop concerning such a huge number of citizens.

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